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## **E★Newsletter**

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#### **New Laws Take Effect**

Most laws passed during the First Regular Session of the 124<sup>th</sup> Legislature took effect Saturday, September 12, ninety days after the Legislature adjourned. Some laws have their own built-in effective date, and some are purely local initiatives, but many will have widespread impact across the state.

A directory of the new laws is available online through the website of the Legislature's Office of the Revisor of Statutes at

<http://janus.state.me.us/legis/ros/LOM/LOM124th/LOM124Directory.htm>.

#### **Signatures Submitted For People's Veto Of Tax Bill**

Proponents of a people's veto of L.D. 1495, "An Act To Implement Tax Relief and Tax Reform," recently submitted petitions with 60,473 signatures to the Maine Secretary of State's office. At least 55,087 of these signatures must be certified as valid for the people's veto to move forward.

If the signatures are certified, the people's veto of L.D. 1495 will appear on the June 2010 ballot, and the legislation will be blocked from going into effect pending the outcome of the election. The ballot question would read, "Do you want to reject the new law that lowers Maine's income tax and replaces that revenue by making changes to the sales tax?"

#### **Any-Deer Permit Lottery Results Announced**

Recently the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (IF&W) conducted its annual Any-Deer Permit Lottery, granting 45,385 permits to current hunting license holders. Due to the harsh winter, IF&W issued approximately 6,000 fewer permits than last year. Permits were allocated as follows: Resident: 30,588; Non-Resident: 2,495; Landowner: 11,348; and Superpack: 954.

This year hunters will not be mailed a transport tag. Instead, they can find their permit number online; and IF&W recommends hunters write down the permit number on their hunting license as it will be required to register any antlerless deer. The list of permit holders and numbers can be found at <http://deer.informe.org/index.htm>.

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